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"I do love my country's good with a respect more tender, more holy and profound, than mine own life," says one of Shakespeare's characters, and the League endeavours to show its members' collective love of their own country by acting as a bulwark against that insidious evil, Communism.

For far too long has this country 'tolerated these unpatriotic, unprincipled, unballasted upstarts. As a nation we are tolerant and easy-going, but one cannot treat a viper with kindness. Cicero, that wise and profound philosopher, knew full well of what he was talking when he said: "Every evil in the bud is easily crushed; as it grows older, it becomes stronger."

All very well for folk to say that Communists are only a minority, which might well be left alone. The Communists are a determined body who will stop at nothing to gain their own filthy ends. They and their Fellow Travellers (dups as they may be) are as dangerous as ever was Hitler and his gang. We want nothing to do with them in this glorious land. We want them neither as acquaintances, as neighbours nor as fellow members.

So let us up and put our house in order. The machinery has already been established by which sub-branches can rid themselves (and must rid themselves) of these Reds. Every sub-branch must make sure and certain that neither Communist nor Fellow Traveller is allowed to continue or to gain membership.

And let us not forget those bodies—such as the Eureka Youth League—which, sailing under false colours, do their damnedest to spread the Communist doctrine among those who take them at their very untrue face value.

As an organisation of men and women who have fought for the maintenance of our free institutions in times of war, we are equally determined to maintain them in times of peace.

Abraham Lincoln, in his deep concern at the fight to spread slavery in America before the days of the American Civil War, said:

"I do not expect the house to fall, but I do expect that—it will cease to be divided, because it will be all of one thing or all of the other."

The duty of League members is obvious. Let us determine that the house shall not fall and, secondly, that it shall cease to be divided.

Let us remember that well may we be judged by the company we keep. Let us therefore look around us and dissociate ourselves from these evil forces, for

Our country's welfare is our first concern,
And who promotes that best, best proves his duty.
The very first submarine was rowed 15 feet under the River Thames by Cornelius van Drebel for King James I. Fulton, an American inventor, offered a type of man-operated under-water vessel to Napoleon in 1804, but his offer was refused. Eighty-four years later the French launched the first submarine driven by an electric motor. This was the Gymnoté, of a total displacement of 30 tons.

It is reported that the R.S.L. Hostel, Perth, during the period from 13th July, 1946, to 30th June, 1947, gave accommodation to 50,931 persons (a weekly average of 1,018 beds occupied). From 1st July, 1947, to 30th June, 1948, the figure was 56,924 (a weekly average of 1,094). For the July, 1948, period there was an increase of 400 beds occupied as compared with the figure for July, 1947.

Although bombing became an almost daily occurrence in many parts of Britain during a lengthy period of the last war, the country was horrified and staggered when the first German bomb fell on Shoreham on Christmas Eve, 1914, despite the fact that no damage was done. During the 1914-18 war a total of 8,776 bombs were dropped on Great Britain, first from Zeppelins and later from planes. Total casualties were 1,316 people killed and over 3,000 injured. Contrast this with the bombing of World War II, and endeavour to visualise what may befall should a third world war eventuate.

Did you know that the Lords of the Admiralty are actually commissioners appointed by letters patent for executing the duties of the former Lord High Admiral? Office was first put into commission in 1628, and from 1709 onward—except in 1827-28, when the Duke of Clarence was Lord High Admiral—the office has always remained in commission.

In the United States Army, a brigadier-general wears one star, a major-general-two stars, a lieutenant-general-three stars, a general four stars, and a general of the army five stars. The late General Pershing, as General of the Armies, was entitled to wear as many stars as he desired, but he never wore more than four.

A WISH
Let me not see old age; let me not hear
The proffered help, the mumbled sympathy,
The well-meant tactful sophistries
That mock
Pathetic husks, who once were strong and free.
And in youth’s fickle triumph laughed and sang,
Loved, and were foolish; and at the close have seen
The fruits of folly garnered, and that love
Tamed and encaged, staid into grey routine.
Let me not see old age: I am content
With my few crowded years: laughter and strength
And song have lit the beacon of my life.
Let me not see it fade, but when the long
September shadows steal across the square,
Grant me this wish: they may not find me there.

[The author, D. R. Geraint Jones, was killed in action in Normandy at the age of 22 years.]

It is thought that Egypt had an army as early as 1,600 B.C. under one Sesostis, but it was the Romans who brought into operation an immense regular army in which every citizen from the age of 17 to 45 was compelled to serve. The Turks were the first to create a standing army. This was in the 14th century. But there was no proper standing army in Britain until the reign of William III.

The smallest army in the world is that of Monaco, with its 75 guards, 75 carbineers and 20 firemen. Luxembourg has 135 gendarmes, 170 volunteers and 30 musicians, but “in time of war the number of volunteers may be temporarily raised to 250.” San Marino’s war strength is 950 men, plus 38 officers and a marshall, though its full peace strength is 60. But in the Republic of Liberia there are 800 officers of the army to only 700 privates.

According to a recent broadcast, a Union Jack was regularly hoisted and saluted each day in Japan during the whole of the war. This marked the memorial to William Adams, the British sailor who settled in Japan in 1600 and became advisor to the Mikado on naval matters. Adams died in 1620, and the memorial was erected to him at Yokosuka in May, 1918.

Despite the fact that Viscount Montgomery’s rather individual style of military dress is not approved by some staid members of the Old Guard, actually this type of thing is nothing new, for the Duke of Wellington wore a blue frock-coat, white pantaloons and a cocked hat of a type peculiar to himself while in the field. Outstanding personalities can get away with many things which lesser fry would make ridiculous.

According to official reports, the first successful British Army aerial photograph was one of Neuve Chapelle, taken in November, 1914. At that time the photographic section of the air-force consisted of two officers and three other ranks.

New Zealand newspapers claim for their country a proud record for generosity to service men and their dependants, as the money handled by patriotic organisations in New Zealand during World War II amounted to $11,000,000, or 6£ per head of the Dominion’s population.
This is Official

Items of Interest from the State Executive

The State Executive met on August 11, when the following business was transacted:

DEPUTATION TO PREMIER
It was reported that a deputation covering the following matters had been sought with the Premier:
1. Rehabilitation in the following aspects:
   a. A strict application of preference in all branches of Government employment.
   b. All advertisements for employment should state that the preference clause will be applied.
   c. That the age limit of 35 years in certain Government Departments be raised to meet the requirements of ex-servicemen whose war service denied them the opportunity of securing employment before they had reached that age.
   d. That the preference in allocation of tractors be continued by the State Government, following the discontinuance of control by the Commonwealth on July 31.
   e. That trainees receive their training under the supervision of a competent foreman on actual building jobs, known as project work.
2. Faversham House.—That the Government be asked to subsidise the aged war veterans being housed at Faversham.
3. War Veterans' Home.—That a grant of 15 acres of land be made available in the Mt. Henry area, fronting the Canning River.

LAND
The report submitted by Mr. Leslie covered the availability of information regarding farms for selection; the rejection by successful allottees of farms allotted (your committee recommends that where a man has applied for and has been allotted a farm, and then refuses to accept it, without good and sufficient views acceptable to the board, he loses his priority. Your committee further recommends that this be the policy of the League unless otherwise directed at Congress); and the classification of applicants.

CONGRESS AGENDA
The report submitted by Mr. Leslie covered recommendations in respect of the following arrangements: Complimentary tickets, extra tobacco ration, concessional rail fares, civic reception, invitation to guests, timetable, ballot papers, voting, number of items, places of conferences, refreshments (involving expenditure of approximately £30), report of retiring State War Memorial Warden, and rules.

MINING CONFERENCE
The report submitted by Mr. Watt covered the election of chairman; the sending of circulars to sub-branches; the alteration of the times of the opening of the conference; and publicity.

Mr. Watt said that preliminary arrangements were under way to make this initial Mining Conference a success. The Minister for Mines and senior officials of the Mines Department will be invited to give information and answer questions. The conference gives promise of being informative and constructive, and is a very progressive step in League history.

REHABILITATION
The report submitted by Mr. Sten covered training courses in the building trades; age limit on engagement of tram conductors; Railway Department, pay for annual leave whilst on active service; and a recommendation in respect of aspects of the fishing industry.

HOUSING
The report submitted by Mr. Davies covered the result of the deputation to the Minister for Housing. A detailed report of this has been forwarded to all sub-branches—interested readers should peruse it at their earliest opportunity; the matter of Monocrete houses, of duplex and part-houses, and the liberalisation of the self-help scheme.

REPATRIATION
The report submitted by Mr. Watt covered a number of Federal circulars dealing with aspects of repatriation and the cancellation in certain circumstances of wives' pensions.

WAR VETERANS' HOME
The report submitted by Colonel Olden recommended that a deputation be made to the Premier (and asking that the appropriate Minister be also present) regarding the acquisition of ten acres of land in the vicinity of the Old Women's Home, facing the Canning River, and included a protest from Mr. Anderson against the erection of a war veterans' home adjoining a Government institution.

STATE WAR MEMORIAL
The report submitted by Mr. W. J. Hunt covered the appointment to the committee of Messrs. A. Yeates, F. Boon and A. G. Smith; a decision to ask the Boy Scouts to act as sub-Wardens for 1949; a recommendation that the original war memorial flags be hung in the State President's room at Anzac House; the Assistant Warden's report; and a financial statement of the McNess Fund.

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE MEETING
Mr. J. Craig was elected by ballot as this branch's delegate to the Federal executive meeting, to be held in Adelaide on August 25, 1948.

LEAGUE RECORDS
It was resolved that the State Branch set up at Anzac House a section for the housing of League records, including books of war history and official publications of the State Branch and sub-branches.

OTHER REPORTS
Reports were also submitted on Management (Mr. W. J. Hunt), Membership (Mr. Chaney), Anzac House and Anzac Club (Mr. Ferguson), Amelioration (Colonel Mansbridge) and the R.S.L. Hostel (Mr. Watt).

A further meeting of the State Executive was held on August 25. Business transacted included:

ROYAL VISIT
Arising from publication of the itinerary for the forthcoming Royal visit to Western Australia, the following resolutions were carried: (1)
That the ex-servicemen of this State desire the opportunity to arrange a reception to Their Majesties, apart from an open-air parade at this time of the year, and that the President, State Secretary and Mr. Benson wait upon the State Director of the tour, or his representative, and voice the views of this Executive; (2) That inquiries be made from the Federal Secretary as to what arrangements have been made in the other States for ex-servicemen to meet Their Majesties.

DEPUTATION TO THE PREMIER

There were five items referred from the State Executive as the subject of a deputation to the Premier. Representations were made on 9th August, but the Premier advised his inability to meet the deputation owing to his departure for the Premiers’ Conference. It is recommended that, as they are matters of importance, they now be referred to the appropriate Ministers.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT

The report submitted by Mr. Ferguson covered a recommendation that the Federal Executive be asked to investigate the payment of increased war gratuities to certain ex-servicemen; and action taken by the League regarding the appointing of an electrical engineer for the Busselton Municipal Council.

HOUSING

The report submitted by Mr. Davis covered correspondence with the State Housing Commission and the Land Settlement Board regarding country dwellings; the Victorian and South Australian Branches; the Commonwealth Minister for Housing; the Operative Bricklayers and Rubble-Wallers’ Union; and a number of personal cases.

MIGRATION

The report submitted by Mr. Yeates covered the showing of films on migrant ships; a recommendation that a motion be submitted by the Executive at the forthcoming State Congress asking sub-branches to nominate at least one single or married United Kingdom ex-serviceman; and a further approach for the adoption by individual League members of war-orphaned United Kingdom children.

In respect to the activities of the Migration Committee, an interesting letter was recently received by—the

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CONVOY CAPERS

By BOB CHAMBERS

I DON'T think I laughed much in the days of convoys, but now I can look back and smile at the brighter side. I remember the many times I have stood on the foc'sle watching the convoy struggle out of harbour and form up into station—gaunt Liberty ships and low, wallowing tankers and perhaps an odd merchantman or two; a sad-looking lot in the gathering dusk. I have stood there watching the spray shoot off the rollers and thinking of another seven days of rolling, pitching, tossing and corkscrewing our way to the Persian Gulf, where we had a short respite in a temperature of 120 degrees, before pulling out again with another mob of tankers and mercantile tortoises.

Down to Aden and back to Bombay by the same route in a month's time. We cursed our seasick souls, the war and the monsoons, and most of us cursed the convoys. Long, grueling days in which nothing ever happened, perhaps an attack once in three weeks, but never a kill unless an unoffending whale turned its belly towards the stars.

But, in retrospect, there was something spectacular and awesome in the line of grey hulls shadowed against the evening clouds. They seemed to draw your gaze and, count them as many times as you wished, you got a different score each time. There was always a tub hidden by the old girl on her beam; and there was always the lazy last, the straggler who was forever not with us—the sort of creaking old hull laid down in '13 for 12 knots' and considered, at the convoy conference, capable of making a bare eight. As she dropped steadily behind “over the hill,” it was painfully evident that, in a six-knot convoy she could make five knots only with a following sea.

The Old Man would come on to the bridge as the dismal greying light of dawn displayed our scruffy beards and tired eyes while we kicked the dirty coffee mugs out of sight and tried to look awake in his presence. He would grunt at the officer of the watch and say: “Old jug handle missing again?” Often “old jug handle” was a miserable little coaster, and we would feel sorry for him while we swore at him.

Humour and Pathos

Humour and pathos played tag in some of the grim moments. I remember leaving port with a little coaster the Old Man called a “black-belching boat” as soon as he saw it. We lost him by morning and we later learned that he had gone back home. He was with us again and the same thing occurred when we left the same port twelve days later. Third time is lucky, they say, and this time he stayed with us for two days until the convoy commodore was “fished.”

A second “fish” failed to explode in the next-in-line and our organised “panic” commenced. Like terriers, we were darting about with our charges and the convoy was dispersing when a streak of black smoke shot through the middle of the mess. The rotten little scrubber beat us into the next ‘port by 15 hours!

Sometimes convoys were called “circuses” by the cynics. One of our convoys was officially known as “the circus” on inter-ship radio-telephone communication. The conference had pre-arranged the call-signs and the merchantmen were “boards” while the Navy ships were “floorboards.” On the starboard side of the convoy two of the escorts were “Plannigan” and “Allen,” and the Commodore was “Daddy,” while everybody listened to “Circus.” The same wit of a commodore who suggested these call-signs made the sarcastic signal: “As the war ends at noon on Saturday in Bombay I suggest we alter course to—in order to arrive before this event."

I was spared the misery of Russian and North Atlantic convoys, but I have heard many of the tales that have drifted back. I think one of them is worth repeating. When the Queen Mary cleared her port in the homeland on her run to America, a gallant little escort, often an old destroyer, awaited her outside. To the Queen’s imperious “What is your maximum speed?” she would reply, “Twenty-two knots, sir,” or whatever it happened to be. In the manner of a policeman waving on some slow traffic would come the signal: “We will steam at 22 knots.” And for two days the game little escort would struggle on before giving up the ghost and returning to port, while the Queen Mary increased speed to 30 knots and scarped for the land of chewing gum and film stars.

The pride of the Navy rose again, however, on an occasion when the “Mary” made her usual signal to an unusual looking escort:

“To Officer commanding escort: What is your maximum speed?”

“Forty-five knots, sir. So what!”

We can imagine the gleam in the Old Man’s eye as he dictated that reply.

The Missing Man

I can vouch for the truth of the following incident. There were 23 ships in the convoy with a corvette astern and the other corvette—ourselves—doing a long criss-cross sweep in the van. In the blackness at 3.30 a.m. Jerry aimed for the Commodore, missed, and “fished” the second and fifth in the centre line. We commenced, chasing unsuccessfully, the convoy dispersed and two skyscrapers of flame emphasised the darkness. At 6.30 we commenced picking up representatives of all nations except, I think, the Eskimos, and by midday we had located a Norwegian tanker which Jerry had chased and holed, the explosion having broken her back.

“During the afternoon the crews of the three ships were sorted out and

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Let us, then, tell the story, if only briefly.

On August 22, 1914, the British Expeditionary Force of 65,000 men and 250 guns, under Sir John French, reached a front which ran from a point east of Mons to Conde. The general idea of the French staff was that this force, in cooperation with Lanrezac’s 5th French Army on its right, and with French territorial troops on its left, should attack and, if possible, envelop the German right which consisted of von Kluck’s 1st Army.

But as Sir John French motored to the headquarters of Lanrezac in the early hours of the 22nd, he saw large numbers of French troops retreating southward. That evening British Intelligence estimated that there were at least three German corps marching against the British. The French troops which should have been on the British left had not arrived, and by nightfall the Germans were threatening that flank. The British cavalry were driven back by overwhelming forces, and the attack upon Lanrezac was so violent that his position became untenable.

So the British troops were ordered to entrench and stand upon the defensive until French progress in other directions gave the signal for a general advance.

At daybreak on August 23, German artillery began to shell an exposed loop on the canal north-east of Mons, and at 8 a.m. German infantry advanced, violently assailed Nimy Bridge, and developed a turning movement against the British right. The 9th German Corps began to force back the British, but at all points the Germans suffered heavy casualties. So vigorous was the British rifle fire that the Germans reported that they were being opposed by “masses of machine guns.”

Vastly superior German forces threatened both British flanks, and then came the news that the French 5th Army was in full retreat. The British retired to a second position which had been prepared a little to the south. All through the day the British troops had punished the Germans badly and had fought with superb courage, but by nightfall the enemy had bridged the canal and were advancing in great strength. Sharp fighting went on through the hours of darkness, and at dawn the British were again ordered to retreat.

At Frameries the rearguard put up such a good defense that the Germans were compelled to carry out a formal attack, in which at least nine battalions of the 6th German division were engaged and suffered heavy losses. The Germans were amply supplied with motor transport and with aircraft, but the British lacked both.

But let us turn for a moment to the more personal side of the battle. In Everyman At War [J. M. Dent & Sons], Corporal B. J. Denore, of the 1st Royal Berks., gives extracts from his diary. In brief, he says:

August 25.—We started off about 5 a.m., still retiring, and so far we have had no food since Sunday, the 23rd.

August 26.—We marched all day long, miles and miles it seemed, probably owing to the fact that we had had no sleep at all since Saturday, the 22nd.

August 27.—At dawn we started on the march again.

Heroes of old! I humbly lay
The laurels on your graves again;
Whatever men have done, men may,
The deeds you wrought are not in vain.

August 28.—Again at dawn we started on the march. The roads were in a terrible state, the heat was terrific, there seemed to be very little order about anything, and mixed up with us were refugees with all sorts of conveyances—prams, trucks, wheelbarrows, and tiny little carts drawn by dogs! It wasn’t straight marching, for every few hours we had to deploy and beat off an attack. And after we had beaten off the attacking force, on we went again—retiring.

August 31.—Again we were rearguard. We marched, staggering about the road like a crowd of gypsies. Some of the fellows had puttees wrapped round their feet instead of boots; others walked in their socks, with feet all bleeding... Yet they marched until they dropped, and then somehow got up and marched again.

September 1.—We continued at the same game from dawn till dark, marching and fighting and marching.

September 2.—At 2 a.m. we moved off, and marched all day long.

September 3.—The first four or five hours we did without a single halt or rest. It was the most terrible march I’ve ever done. I, like a fool, took my boots off, and found my feet were covered in blood.

September 4.—All through the night we marched... falling fast asleep, even if the halt lasted only a minute. Towards dawn we turned into a farm, and for about two hours I slept in a pig-sty.

September 5.—Early this morning, reinforcements joined us... We were filthy, thin and haggard... instead of boots we had puttees, rags—anything and everything—wrapped round our feet. I discovered that the company I was in covered 251 miles in the Retreat from Mons.

But that retreat was more than a mere falling back. It stopped the German Army in its sweep to Paris, and it altered the whole outcome of the war. British losses were about 5,000, but the far better equipped enemy lost at least twice that number. Britain’s “contemptible little army” had proved its mettle. It had shown the Germans that, although it might not be large in numbers, it was indeed large in courage and in fighting ability.

The memory of these men of Mons will ever be green in the history of the British Empire.
Wanted... A Benefactor

The Western Australian Branch of the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers’ Association of Australia is looking for a benefactor.

At the moment this association has its headquarters in Gledden Buildings, Perth, and, while this headquarters is comfortable and central, the rent is high and expenses of upkeep mean that the association—which is entirely dependent upon outside donations for its existence—has to battle to make both ends meet.

Not that its members are complaining. Far from that, for they appreciate the many kindnesses which are showered upon them, but they do feel that many a wealthy person could aid them if only their needs were more widely known.

The association, which was founded in 1940 with 11 members, now boasts a membership of 290, of which at least 75 per cent. are financial members of the League. Unfortunately, no less than 140 members have died since the association has been in existence.

All officials of the association carry out their work in an entirely honorary capacity—there are regular hospital visitors who pay weekly visits to members, and there are outdoor visitors who visit those sick men who are confined to their homes. From the association’s funds, tobacco, cigarettes and reading matter are purchased for the more unfortunate comrades.

The association’s present receipts total approximately £145 a year (from members’ subscriptions), and at the time of writing 35 members are in Hollywood Hospital, 12 are in Edward Millen, and a large number are bed-ridden at home.

 Officials state with pleasure that they have had most gratifying assistance from the Press, the Radio and the general public, but they still feel that far too many of the public know little about them. They welcome visitors to their headquarters, and they also would welcome the donation of reading matter for their library. (In this respect, they wish to again thank the State Executive of the Women’s Auxiliary for their recent handsome donation.)

[Incidently, the association is in need of two flags for its honour roll.]
Come in — Suckers

There are more fools than knaves in the world, else the knaves would not have enough to live on.

BY WILLIAM BEECHAM

"THERE'S a sucker born every minute," said Barnum, back in '71 and, now, in 1948, one is inclined to think that the birthrate of the species has increased considerably. Hardly a week passes without news of some confidence man catching a poor wight with an age-old trick. It may be a fortune that has to be carefully distributed, or perhaps there is a Spanish prisoner (with, perchance, a beauteous daughter) to be liberated, or even a mundane betting transaction which is guaranteed to show enormous profits. Whatever, the bait, there is always—strangely enough—the matter of a transfer of cash from victim to trickster, just as a matter of "good faith."

In Australia, the confidence man has become something of a public hero through his ability to dispose of Domain sundials of Sydney Gap grating sites to unsuspecting "cocksies," but a not-so-popular branch of his activities has been the changing of Australian for English currency at "favourable rates." Abroad, however, the con-man, who is, alas, only too often an "Australian, goes in for bigger game, and thinks nothing of "pickings" running into thousands of pounds, the victim usually being a "hard-headed" business man.

Apart, however, from the trickster who goes after the big money, there is the shark who believes in "little and often." Scattered throughout the world there are hosts of people who, it is certain, make a good living by specialising in the small fry, catching them with some fanciful scheme, the main idea of which is the conjuring from their pockets of a few pieces of silver.

Begging-letter "writers, "starving in a humble garret," take years to pass away, and thrive exceedingly whilst doing so. As for street beggars, more than one of these gentlemen has been known to possess considerable real estate. The most interesting psychological specimen, however, is the man, or woman (the sexes seem to run about even), who relies on newspaper advertising to catch the simpleton; and judging from the regularity with which the advertisements appear, the simpletons are many.

Whether the Australian is, in general, too wily a bird to be caught by this kind of thing, one cannot say; but it is significant that few of these "catches" appear in the Press of this country. Europe gets its share, but America—home of the "wise guys," simply overflows with them.

CHANGE OF EDITORSHIP

Readers may have noticed that, commencing with the August issue, "The Listening Post" come under new editorship.

For some time past this task has been undertaken by the State Secretary (Mr. John Chappell). But the job of being State Secretary is no easy one, and certainly not one which might be undertaken lightly. Indeed it is a task which Gambetta might have had in mind when he said: "It is work, work, more work, and yet more work..."

Therefore it was considered that the appointment of an editor for this publication would lighten the State Secretary's load. Those who have been on the compilation of these pages must have noted the present editor's whims and ways and make do with his offerings.

And the State Secretary, having passed an portion of his burden, will doubtless know that many a reader will say with Shakespeare: "Beggar that I am, I am even poor in thanks."

Here is an advertisement, taken from a prominent American weekly, which, one would think, speaks for itself:

"Madam Dash—Advice on all problems. None too small—none too big. Treats sick Mind, Body, Soul. Distance no object. All done by thought waves. Two dollars per week, five dollars-month. Address..."

Personally, I cannot see myself paying Madam even half-a-dollar for the treatment of fallen arches by thought-waves, but, as her advertisement appears, year after year, in a publication which charges somewhere in the vicinity of 1/- a word for each insertion, Madam must have clients aplenty. Another thought-waver, a man this time, specialises, at exactly the same rates (can it be that they have an association?), in treatments for Prosperity. However, in all fairness, he refrains from stating whose prosperity—his or yours!

Another interesting advertisement in a popular monthly extolls the virtues of "A substance—wholesome, strengthening and appetising," which enables one to live for one dollar a week. The "secret" is offered for exactly one week's cost of living, which seems like absolutely giving the thing away!

The love-torn, of course, are known to be somewhat "queer" whilst in the throes of the tender passion, as the author of this classified gem is plainly aware:

"My system tells you if your girl loves you. Sounds silly, but it is a fact. Send 25 cents to..."

How those final words spoil everything. Even love is commercialised!

Some of these advertisers are, apparently, excellent business men. One, with his headquarters in Germany, for many years had an advertisement in a Berlin newspaper, printed in five languages. One supposes that his clientele was a widespread one. He said:

"Are you ill? Send me your name, address and date of birth, together with two marks, and I will tell you what you are suffering from."

Unfortunately, whilst I know my name, I have completely forgotten my address, and never did know the date of my birth—therefore, it seems that I shall have to forego the pleasure of knowing whether it is agranola or amnesia from which I am suffering. What fools we are, to be sure, to be caught by such ridiculous means. That is, I should say, what fools we would be—for, of course, nothing so foolish could ever part us from our money. Oh dear, no! Most decidedly, no!—Except, if one must mention it, that darned chain letter... but then, of course, that was different.
This is Official
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State Secretary) from the chairman of the British Legion:
Dear Mr. Chappell,—I am very pleased indeed to have received the brochure of your Migration Committee. I think it is a most excellent document and I am quite sure that it will be greatly appreciated by those of our colleagues who will be making their home in your country.
I am particularly happy with the good feeling which exists between the R.S.I. and the British Legion, and I am quite sure that this will continue, as the ex-Imperials know of the wonderfull help that you are prepared to give.
Will you give my very kind regards to your State President.
With very many thanks for your kindness to me whilst in Perth, which I shall always remember.
Yours sincerely,
C. Gordon Larking (Lt.-Col.).

REPATRIATION
The report submitted by Mr. Watt covered aspects of pensions of divorcées. Arising from this report, the following resolution was carried: Subject to the provisions of section 43, section 44 of the Repatriation Act be amended to permit, in special circumstances, of a dependant’s pension being continued to wives after divorce in cases where (a) the wife had been the petitioner or (b) where the wife had been the respondent and, in the opinion of the Repatriation Commission, had been the injured party.

ANZAC CLUB
The report submitted by Mr. Ferguson covered the granting of temporary honorary membership to officers and men of the United States’ ship Greenwich Bay and the following details of infringement of Club rules:
"Your committee has been concerned for some time at the number of non-members who are reported to be entering the club premises on bor-rowed badges. Recently a warning was issued that if this practice were not stopped, action would be taken to deal with offenders in accordance with the club rules."

[Member who recently loaned his League badge to a non-member in order that the latter might use the club facilities was expelled from the club—under Club rule 27—and members are asked to see that under no circumstances are League badges loaned to non-members.]

OTHER REPORTS
• Reports were also submitted on The Listening Post (Mr. Lonnie), Finance (Mr. Herlihy), Faversham (Colonel Mansbridge) and the Corps of Commissaires (Mr. Yeates).

The annual reunion of the 44th Battalion Association will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 4, at Anzac House supper room. All ex-members of the battalion are cordially invited.

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The Shape Of Things To Come

The picture on our front cover this month tells its own story. Here is a very brief idea of what the future may hold for some of us. Some portions of it are pleasant—others are the very reverse.

Those of us who saw the coming of the aeroplane, and who have seen it grow from a contraption of canvas, wood and wires into a monster of steel; those of us who saw the changing of the cinema from a jerky, flickering, cheap-jack type of entertainment into one of the world's leading industries; those of us who saw warfare in 1914-18 and again saw it (with its extraordinary changes and developments) in 1939-1945; know that, above all, the world is full of change. Yesterday has gone, today will be over in the blinking of an eye, tomorrow is on its way.

And what is this world of ours going to be like in a few years? Few, if any, can truly say, but quite a lot of us can make a reasonable guess.

Professor A. M. Low sees the home of tomorrow as a vastly different type of place to what it is today. He says: "We walk up to the front door and stand upon the mat. This automatically results in the sounding of pleasant chimes within the house, the tone telling our hostess whether callers are at the front or the back door. She takes a glance at a small screen in the kitchen, and there she is able to see who is calling. If the caller is welcome she merely presses a button and the door opens. A hidden loud-speaker relays her welcoming "Come in!" We glance at walls and floor. All are of plastic. Indeed, the floors may be of phosphorescent plastic, which, taking in the sunlight of day, will yield enough light at night to light the way without illumination.

"Outer walls may be of fibre-glass, allowing rooms to be flooded with sunlight. Cooking by electronics and short-waves will be commonplace. Ultra-violet rays will be used to tenderise the meat. The home will be air-conditioned; the bathroom will have a device which will ensure your bath being filled with water at the temperature you desire; ultra-violet rays will caress your skin as you shave."

What of transportation? Undoubtedly, we shall fly through the stratosphere at undreamed of speeds. On land our cars will probably be vastly different to the motor vehicles of today; engines will be in their logical place at the rear, gear-changing will be a thing of the past, and driving will become almost automatic.

Television will bring the events of the day right into our lives. Pocket radios will allow us to talk from our offices to our homes. Distance—which is being annihilated rapidly even today—will mean little to the man of tomorrow.

Warfare of Tomorrow

But what of tomorrow's warfare? Let us see once again what Professor Law has to say:

"The war of tomorrow might well be fought by armies which never see each other directly, the battle being opened at ranges of hundreds of miles and closing to a few miles, where radio-controlled tanks and weapons of every kind will seek to destroy each other. Curiously, the death-roll might be lighter than in a less technical war. Each side might seek to break up the other's technical weapons rather than the men operating them, who, for the most part, may be concealed from view and protected against the heaviest explosive.

"Armies will consist of a few unfortunate specialists supported by the great bulk of the nation at work in factories. Since it will be virtually impossible to destroy an enemy's army, the attempt will not be made. The armed forces will try to cut each other's industrial production, upon which the existence of the services will depend. The total casualties among so-called civilians may be far higher than among soldiers, sailors and airmen, if, indeed, any difference between the three services still exists in a 'triphibian' age."

"Whether the foolish scruples against gas and bacteriological warfare will have been overcome is a matter of speculation. It is a curiosity of human beings that they are prepared to disembody, crush, blind, burn and blow into a thousand pieces, any number of enemies, but they hesitate to incapacitate them, even if only temporarily, by chemical or bacteriological means. The former process has the authority of history, for it would be a mistake to think that modern wars are more frightful than those of history; the frightfulness is simply concentrated into a shorter period. Gas and bacteriological warfare are not yet acknowledged by the modern ethic."

"No doubt, in due course, gas and bacteriological warfare will be considered, however reluctantly, part of the useful business... A continuing very loud noise projected over industrial centres would cause at first chaos and, more slowly, a weariness that could not be overcome, until the will and capacity to work has been lost."

"No weapon is 'decisive,' certainly not—nor more than a very short period. Each new weapon will produce its own counter. If it were possible to sterilise a nation or to poison its entire water supply, the claim that it was 'more merciful in the end' would soon be put forward."

"Which again leads one to ask: Must there be another war?"

War Graves Report

The War Graves Report is available at the R.S.A.I.L.A offices at Anzac House to any interested persons.
Towards the end of World War II, Goering had so many medals that he found it impossible to wear them all at once, and this annoyed him considerably. So he gave the matter some thought and eventually had an extra-large medal (about the size of a dinner-plate) cast. This he wore on all official and private occasions. Those who looked at it saw just two words engraved thereon. They were: “See catalogue.”

When Johnny and Mary were young, Johnny was crazy about soldiers and Mary was wild about painted dolls. My! how things have changed!

Two recruits were pegging down a tent. One was holding the peg while the other was wielding the mallet. Attempting to hit the peg a mighty blow, the mallet-wielder slipped and hit the peg-holder a nasty smack on the head. The peg-holder staggered, recovered himself and said: “Don’t mess about. The flamin’ sergeant’s watching us.”

An old sweat recently retired from his job. He had served for 53 years (minus war service) and he was asked if the firm had recognised his faithfulness. “Recognise it,” he said, “Too flamin’ right they did. They gave me the D.C.M.” The man who asked the question raised his eyebrows. “The D.C.M.?” he queried. “Surely that is a military decoration?” “Not this one,” came the reply. “This was the Don’t Come Monday.”

Private Jones, an inveterate and invariably successful gambler, was such a demoralising influence in his unit that his lieutenant, after trying unsuccessfully to end his gambling, sent him before the captain. After the interview, the lieutenant was summoned.

“I’ve shown Private Jones he can lose a bet,” the captain said. “I asked him why he couldn’t stop betting, and he said: ‘Sir, it’s a habit I can’t seem to lose. Why, I’ll bet you ten pounds right now you have a mole on your left shoulder’.” Well, I knew darn well I didn’t, so I took off my shirt and showed him. He admitted he had lost and paid the ten pounds.

I guess that’ll hold him!”

The lieutenant was so noticeably silent that the captain asked: “What’s the matter? Aren’t you pleased?”

“No, sir,” replied the lieutenant, “You see, on the way to your quarters Jones bet me twenty pounds he’d have the shirt off your back in five minutes.”

“That sergeant! I never heard a man talk so fast in my life!”

“Why shouldn’t he? His father was an auctioneer and his mother was a woman.”

In Germany during the war the penalties for listening to BBC programmes were varying terms of imprisonment. In Australia the penalties for listening to ABC programmes are the ABC programmes.

Messrs. Davies and Lonnie, of the State Executive, accompanied by the State Secretary (Mr. Chappell) last month made a visit to Wickepin, Yealering, Corinigen, Quairading, and York.

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PERSONALITIES

Thomas Baker Heffer, general manager of the Bank of New South Wales, who has been prominent of late in the Bank Nationalisation case, is a Digger who served in Egypt and France in World War I, the engagements in which he took part including Pozieres, Mouquet Farm, Gueudecourt, Hamel, Villers-Bretonneux and Zonnebeke. He was wounded twice.

Mr. S. Lambert is to be congratulated upon his election to the chairmanship of the South Perth Road Board. A returned man from World War I, he became a senior A.R.P. warden in World War II, and transferring later to the V.D.C., became captain of the D.I.C. Harbour Battery at Fremantle. He is a prominent member of the South Perth sub-branch.

visited Corrigin, Mr. Edwick was presented with the coveted Certificate of Service, and particular mention was made of the fact that he had done much to keep the local sub-branch together during the war years.

Cliff Kleeman, president of the Shenton Park sub-branch, is another stalwart who has been on the sick list lately. Cliff is a tiger for work where, League affairs are concerned.

Burge Newman and D. R. McGregor, of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch, are to be heartily congratulated upon receiving coveted Certificates of Service.

Mr. C. W. Edwick is another League stalwart who has now received recognition of his services. When Messrs. Davies and Lonnie, of the State Executive, and the State Secretary (Mr. J. Chappell), recently

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lung specialist, is well known to many returned men in this State, having served as M.O. of the 48th Battalion of the 1st A.I.F. throughout 1917. During that service, he won the D.S.O. and M.C. Unfortunately, Congress business took up most of his time in Perth, and the need to leave for Sydney as soon as it was over prevented him from attending the annual reunion of the 48th.
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State War Memorial Appeal
Efforts by Sub-Branches and Auxiliaries

In making an analysis of the donations to the appeal, the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. E. Watson) revealed that of the total of nearly £14,000 that has so far been received, sub-branches have contributed £4,557/11/2 and women’s auxiliaries, £306/0/6.

Mr. Watson said that besides the direct £306 in contributions from women’s auxiliaries, he was aware from correspondence that the auxiliaries had given much assistance to the sub-branches in their endeavours to raise their quotas. The several hundred pounds raised by the sale of badges on June 30th last was very largely due to their work.

The chairman of the appeal committee (Mr. E. S. Watt), in commenting on the subscriptions received from sub-branches, said that the efforts of some sub-branches, where the quotas allotted were filled or exceeded, were highly meritorious and it was expected that many others eventually would be happy to complete their obligation. It was a League responsibility, enumerated in the Constitution and unanimously endorsed at the last State Congress.

Another £6,000 was required to complete the amount necessary to fittingly honour the memory of the 1939-45 war dead and, although the committee was not actively functioning at present owing to other pressing needs, it was required of sub-branches to continue efforts to fulfil their self-imposed task. A few sub-branches had not yet sent forward any donations, but no doubt this would be rectified.

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"TOLERANCE," says the dictionary, is forbearance; the recognition of right of private judgment in religious matters; the liberty to uphold one's religious opinions and forms of worship; or to enjoy all social privileges, etc., without regard to differences.

But tolerance—and the lack of it—seems to go further than that. As Turgenev said: "A man is capable of understanding how the ether vibrates, and what is going on in the sun—but how any other man can blow his nose differently from him, that is incapable of understanding."

How true this is. Today sees mankind so advanced upon the roads of science that almost all of us are sure that we know just what makes each and every one of us tick. But if the other fellow doesn't tick to just the same tune and rhythm as you do yourself, far too often he is the one who is wrong. You, my dear friend, are usually right.

Australia, in manpower strength, is an extremely weak country when contrasted with other nations. Yet still we find the unthinking masses gibbly classifying other people who come to our shores as Dings and Yanks and Pommys and "foreigners" of some kind or other. "Can it possibly be that these are Australians?" they ask when faced with them in their own territory.

Winston Churchill, in his recent Memoirs, relates how he said to Hitler's lieutenant, "Putzi" Hanfstaengl: "Why is your chief so violent about the Jews? I can quite understand being angry with Jews who have done wrong or are against their country, and I understand resisting them if they try to monopolise power in any walk of life; but what is the sense of being against a man simply because of his birth? How can any man help how he was born?"

In other words, the fact that a man may have been born a Frenchman, a Yugoslav, an Italian, an Englishman, a Dutchman, an American, a Queenslander or a Westralian is simply an accident of fate. But when a man deliberately chooses, of his own free will and accord, to settle in a country and become one of its citizens, then surely he should be made welcome.

One of the outstanding factors of the American scene is that a man there, in due time, ceases to be an Italian, a Pole, a Dutchman, a Czech, a Russian, or whatever he may have been, and he becomes an American citizen, and of such citizenship he becomes very proud. In Australia, far too often, a man who may have migrated here half-a-century ago is still looked upon by many as a "foreigner" and an interloper. When that man, again of his own free will and accord, chooses to go away and fight for his adopted country, surely he is a citizen of whom to be proud.

The League is tolerant in its outlook, admitting, as it does, all classes, all creeds and all nationalities who have fought for the British Empire. All of us should be tolerant in our outlook, rather than parochial.

But, unfortunately, it is much easier to label persons collectively than to assess them individually. Yet, far better, surely to value a man for what he is himself, than to unthinkingly label him for what you imagine him to stand for in the crowd.

How many times does one hear such ridiculous statements, made apparently in all faith, that: "All Greeks are dirty," "All Pommys are mean," "All Jews are treacherous," "All Yanks are skittles." One might just as well say—with equal sense—that: "All carpenters suffer from palsy," "All Victorians have the itch," "All Baptists waste their money," or "All ex-airmen have bunions." All these sweeping statements are equally foolish.

More of us should think about matters of this kind a little more deeply. Perhaps our leaders set us an incorrect example. In the United States, an immigrant, before he can become an American citizen, must be able to carry on an ordinary conversation in English and write his name. (In some districts he must also be able to write English.) He must be certified to be of good moral character. (He is ineligible if he has a criminal record.) He must be able to answer questions about the history, government and constitution of the United States. (In many centres the public schools conduct classes in citizenship.) In addition he must pass a public examination.

In other words, the candidate for American citizenship is compelled to become interested in the history, government and constitution of his
adopted country and, by learning its language, he is all the more easily absorbed.' In Australia, unfortunately, the mere signing of a form seems to practically cover the bill. A lawyer does the whole job for a fee, and frequently the new citizen knows precious little, if anything, about it. As for the history, the government and the constitution of his new land—who cares about that?

Citizenship has its obligations, but once these are met it is only right that the new citizen should be a full citizen in every meaning of the word. If we wait for the day when Australia can be fully populated by means of a natural increase we shall wait for ever. Immigrants are a necessity, and it is up to the average citizen to see that these people become properly absorbed and not left to settle in racial groups.

Sometimes it is extremely difficult to take a wide view of vital questions. After all, we are all subject to human frailties, and while many of us may try hard to be good citizens, it is a fact that in many ways quite a number of us fail.

Diogenes said that he was "a citizen of the world," and if only we could all eventually "become such," maybe we would have the key to world peace. But that day, one fears, is very far off. In the meanwhile, if we endeavour occasionally to see with the other fellow's eyes, to hear with the other fellow's ears, and to think with the other fellow's brain, we may become a little more tolerant and a little easier to live with.

Even then, of course, we are still upon dangerous ground, for we may become like the man who—"Preached upon 'breadth' till it argued him narrow."

But respect for the other fellow's point of view—particularly if he is a patriot—is something of which we may be proud. For we should not lose sight of the fact that there can be good men, even in the enemy camp. That first German spy of World War I, Lieutenant Carl Lody, went to Britain after resigning from the naval reserve, because he was convinced that it was the best way in which he could serve his country. He was not an "outsider" working for gain, but a man who thought that his country stood above all. On the morning on which he was to be executed, Lody said to the captain of his guard: "I suppose you wouldn't care to shake hands with a spy?"

"No," replied the captain. "But I'll shake hands with a brave man." And he did.

One can feel more admiration for a man of that type than one can for the person who sells out his own country because of some "ism" in which he becomes entangled.

Rudyard Kipling said: "God gave all men all earth to love, but since all hearts are small, ordained for each one spot should prove beloved over all."

But what is so often lost sight of is the fact that an adopted country can, in time, often come to mean more to a man than the very land of his birth.

The badge of the League is a recognition of good citizenship. The wearing of it certifies that the owner has been prepared to give his health, his strength and even his life for his country. He is now a member of one great brotherhood, of which all can be proud. What matter if some men think this way and others think that way? "Democracy," said Joseph Cook, "is a raft. You cannot easily overturn it. It is a wet place, but it is a pretty safe one."

Wet or dry, the tolerance of democracy is the tolerance for this great land of ours. The only "ism" that we need take any heed of at all is "Australianism."

As Theodore Parker has so truly said: "Democracy means not 'I am as good as you are,' but 'You are as good as I am.'" Let us bear this well in mind when we are apt to become intolerant of the other fellow's opinions. Let us perhaps ask ourselves:

"If I was as bad as they say I am, and you were as good as you look, I wonder which one would feel the worse if each for the other was took?"

MAN

After a momentary silence spoke
Some vessel of a more ungainly make:
"They sneer at me for leaning all awry:
What did the Hand then of the Potter make?"

—OMAR KHAYYAM.

For that reason it ill-behaves us to be intolerant with our immediate neighbour because he happens to attend a different church to ours, because he happens to like a different soup or a different style of underwear, or because he speaks with a different accent. All we should ask is: "Is he a good citizen?"

"The first requisite of a good citizen is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight," it has been said, and we should not forget, either, that "The humblest citizen of the land when clad in the armour of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error."
MEMORIAL HALL FOR NORTHAM

MEMBERS of the Northam sub-branch have decided to erect a Memorial Hall (a combined clubroom and hall) as a war memorial which will be both useful and commemorative. Funds have been raised, and a block of land has been purchased, while plans for the proposed building have been generously drawn up by Mr W. G. Bennett, the well-known Perth architect, as a gesture to the sub-branch.

Building and grounds, it is certain, will when completed be a fitting memorial to the fallen; and a structural ornament to the town.

Land has been vested in the State Branch, which holds it in trust for the Northam sub-branch, which will now set about raising further money in order that the construction of the building may be carried on as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Dimensions of the public hall are 60ft. x 30ft. There will be a stage, 30ft. x 18ft., and a foyer, 20ft. x 16ft. Provision is made for dressing-rooms and kitchen, etc.

The club will provide for a billiard room, a guest room, an office for the secretary, a board room and a lounge (a bedroom will be available for ex-servicemen passing through the town).

Cost is tentatively estimated at between £6,000 and £7,000. The sub-branch is extremely gratified with the public’s voluntary and unsolicited donations already made to the fund, and feels that with further public support the venture must succeed.

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The League has been pressing the Federal Government to grant assistance in those instances where an ex-serviceman is compelled to change his place of residence, on the advice of his medical practitioner, on account of his war disabilities.

The request has met with a certain amount of success, as instanced by the following extract from a letter from the Minister of Repatriation—

"However, taking all aspects into consideration, I have authorised the Repatriation Commission to consider any case in which a specialist medical officer and the senior medical officer of a State branch of Repatriation express the opinion that reasonably lasting benefit might accrue to the member in respect of his accepted disability by permanent removal. The limitation of expenditure will be:

(a) Actual fares of the member, his wife and children under 16 years of age, or other dependent relative approved by Commission.

(b) Up to £15 for removal of the household effects; and

(c) Charges not exceeding £5 to cover insurance and similar charges."

10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION (A.I.F.)
Annual Reunion, 1948

The annual reunion of the Tenth Light Horse Regiment will be held in the Supper Room, Anzac House, St. George's Terrace, Perth, W.A., on Tuesday, October 5, 1948 (Show Week).

All members of the Regiment, Camel Corps and mounted units that served on Gallipoli, Egypt and Palestine are cordially invited.

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-51st BATTALION ASSOCIATION

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R. K. Atkinson

Mr. R. K. Atkinson, who served as a corporal in the 9th Horse Transport, and who was a member of the Swanbourne sub-branch and also a member of the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association, died on July 15.

A. C. Gray

Mr. A. C. Gray, who won the Military Medal in World War I while serving with the 46th Battalion, and who was a member of the Gloucester Park sub-branch and of the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association, died on August 4.

M. R. Spalling

Mr. M. R. Spalling, who served with the 2/1 Pioneer Battalion, and who was a member of the City of Perth sub-branch, died on July 18. Mr. Spalling was also a member of the T. & F.D.S.A.

A. A. Wilson

Mr. A. A. Wilson, O.B.E., who served in the 3rd Tunnellers (1st A.I.F.) and who for some years was a member of the Collie sub-branch, died on August 19.

CLAREMONT SUB-BRANCH

Illustration at the top of this page shows the committee and officials of the Claremont sub-branch. Reading from left to right these are: Miss M. Hornsby, Miss H. Morrison, Messrs. W. Nichols, H. Bridger, C. W. Court (vice-president), T. C. Pell (hon. secretary), C. J. Paterson (president), W. Grandison (treasurer), R. Finch, J. Ashby, T. Lipple, A. R. Davis and T. Rowe. (Absentees were vice-president J. B. Fitzhardinge and Messrs. D. Anderson, E. Walker and E. Gwyther.)

Lower picture shows the members at supper time at the sub-branch's July meeting.

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END OF A BERLIN DIARY

by William L. Shirer [Hamish Hamilton]

In 1941 Mr. Shirer, who had been an American newspaper correspondent in Berlin, gave us a most interesting volume, Berlin Diary, which can still be recommended as a first-rate book for the student of war history or, for that matter, for the average reader who wants an interesting book with which to while away the hours.

Now he gives us a volume which, although perhaps not quite as absorbing, is certainly well worth reading. It starts on July 20, 1944, and carries on into the spring of 1947. The first part is largely documentary, covering as it does the founding of U.N.O. at San Francisco, the last days of the war in Europe, the Potsdam Conference and the coming of the atom bomb.

The second part takes us back once again into Germany, but this time a Germany not of conquest and pride, but of defeat and despair. Shirer gives us vivid pictures of Berlin in ruins. He quotes an interesting personal letter from von Ribbentrop to Winston Churchill (Ribbentrop knew so little about our ‘leader’ that he addressed him as ‘Vincent’). He gives us documents (which have also been used elsewhere) on Hitler’s death and on the last-minute marriage of Hitler and Eva Braun. He quotes extracts from a diary kept by Count Lutz von Schwerin-Krosigk. And he gives us, some of the meat from official documents showing the prewar plans and designs of Hitler and company. Finally, he takes us to the Nuremberg trial.

Although this is not such a “readable” book as many on the same subject, it covers sufficient ground and is well enough documented to make it a “must” for those who want to know just what made those Nazi minds tick and those German wheels go round.

[Our copy from the Literary Institute.]

THE EARNEST DRINKER’S DIGEST

by O. Mendelsohn [Consolidated Press Ltd.]

“The perils of mixing drinks is a favourite fallacy,” says the author of this volume, “and nearly everyone believes there is some mystic potency in this. For example, a man asserts that he has a certain capacity (of psychological control, not stomachic volume) and can drink, say, either six glasses of beer or four of whisky, or four of gin or three of port wine (using, of course, the appropriate glass or measure in each case), without any loss of control, but that if he takes one glass of each the result will be disastrous.

“Now the truth is that the inebriating effect of a particular drink depends primarily upon the quantity of alcohol in it. . . . Another important condition is the strength of the drink, such as dilute alcohol in the form of beer or light wine, or stronger alcohol in the form of spirits. . . . Thus, if we take equal volumes of, say, beer, light wine, and neat brandy, the alcoholic ratios will be somewhere about 1, 3 and 10. This gives us a rough idea of possibilities for inebriation. We see that, volume for volume, we have to drink about ten times as much beer as brandy to reach a given level of inebriation.

“What, then, is the origin of the mixing-drinks myth? . . . If a man has been steadily drinking bitter beer he is not likely to find agreeable a switch-over to a sweet beverage such as port wine. If he has been drinking a course of highly flavoured and sweet cocktails, he is hardly likely to welcome a sudden change to, say, stout. The only occasions on which he would pursue so palatally barbarous a programme would be when he has already drunk enough to cloud his judgment and senses. He then makes the change, the extra alcohol contained in the new drink tips him over the scale to drunkenness, and mixing the drinks wrongly gets the blame.

Here is a book which should be of interest to drinkers and teetotallers alike. It is an ideal volume for those who pride themselves upon being men of the world,” as it fully covers, in an untechnical and “popular” manner, the making of all types of liquor and enables those who enjoy an occasional drink to know just what it they have in their glass.

[Our copy from the publishers.]

THE BATTLE OF THE PLATE

by Commander A. B. Campbell, R.D. [Herbert Jenkins Ltd.]

The Graf Spee had a gross tonnage of 10,000 tons, and her main armament consisted of six 11-inch guns. She also had eight 5.9 guns. The Exeter had a main armament of six 8-inch guns; the Ajax had a main armament of eight 6-inch guns; and the Achilles’ main armament consisted of eight 6-inch guns. Yet these three British ships so hammered the German vessel that she was eventually scuttled. In this book Commander Campbell gives a vivid story of the action, together with details of the rescue of the British seamen from the prison ship Altmark.
Visit to the Murchison

Recently the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt), Mr. E. S. Watt and Lieut.-Col. R. W. Blair visited sub-branches in the Murchison district and others en route. Meetings were held at Wubin, Mt. Magnet, Big Bell, Cue, Meekatharra, Mullewa, Morawa and Perenjori. Mr. Watt reported this trip in detail to a meeting of the State Executive. He stated that meetings were well attended and at all places keen, capable and enthusiastic sub-branch officials were found. All members seemed delighted to welcome the visitors; such visits no doubt being of great value not only to members so far distant from headquarters, but also to members of the State Executive. In addition to policy matters, many items of local and individual concern were discussed, and some brought back to headquarters for investigation and action. Appreciation was general for the holding of the mining conference.

Mr. Watt said that the chief impressions gained were the keen friendship shown, the hospitality experienced, the high percentage of available membership (over 90 per cent. in all sub-branches), the general desire to rid the League of disloyal elements, the merging of men of both wars into one harmonious whole (there being a complete absence of talk of the old and the young), the obvious acceptance by the men of the Second World War of the policy and traditions of the League and the necessity of visits from the State Executive at least once a year.

The only delegate to the recent Australasian Medical Congress who wore uniform was Major-General F. Kingsley Norris, the new Director-General of Army Medical Services. Shortly before he left Melbourne for the Congress, Major-General Norris presented at Melbourne Grammar School, a sword of honour for the highest marks to Cadet Lieut. J. A. Court. The sword itself had often been seen in Perth, for it once belonged to the late Lieut.-General Sir Carl Jess, who came here as District Commandant in 1927. Sir Carl Jess died in Melbourne during July, leaving his sword as an annual award to the cadets of Melbourne Grammar School, in honour of his eldest son, Lieut. Carl Jess, who died at Tobruk.

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Sir,—Your leading article in the July issue on Communism is timely and highly commendable. Sub-branch officials can now have no further doubt about this most important question.

Communism cannot be regarded as a political party simply because (and this can be proved) it is not an economic doctrine. Communism is, in fact, a philosophy of life, complete and total in every respect.

It is intrinsically evil, and even Stalin says, “Communism is founded upon violence, which recognises no law and is restricted by no duty.”

No doubt there are some Australian Communists of good faith or, should I say, blind faith. Otherwise, how can one reconcile their ideology with Australian average intellectual standards?

Yours faithfully,
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THE OXFORD TOUCH

Our first lieutenant was a tall, sensitive, day-dreaming man, who boasted of having rowed with Oxford. His beard was a little more flowing than the regulation pattern and he habitually stroked it to assist his thinking. As he was unpopular, the habit aroused comment.

He was in the ship's cricket team, not because of his ability, but because he did not say, "No," to an officer. Displaying an important match with a rival ship, he was fielding in his usual manner—that is he was sun-basking, day-dreaming and stroking his beard—when the ball soared in a high arc and he woke up in time to miss an easy catch.

The silence was broken by a voice, heavy with sarcasm: "Oh, I say, sir. Well stroked, sir!"—"Wanderer.

* This story earns 10/6 for, Mr. B. Chambers, South Perth.

TOO HOT FOR HIM

The V.D.C. were in training in King's Park, and the Army S.M. who was in charge of their work was keeping an eye on the right flank. He got a good view of the man on the end of the line, and then turned left to see how a few of the others were making out. Returning to the flank a short time later, he was surprised that he could not see the original flank man. "Must have got off his course," he said to himself; but when the men fell in at the end of the exercise, the S.M. couldn't see the fellow anywhere.

So the following Sunday, when the men were assembling, old "Eagle Eye" spotted the fellow he had been looking for, went over to him and said: "You were on the right flank during that exercise last week. Then I lost sight of you. What happened?"

The reply was in a most casual tone: "Struth, it was too flamin' hot up there. Not the sort of warfare for me... I went home."

"Old Sweat" (Mr. Lawley).

"But I am," replied Bill, in an injured tone.

"I can't believe you," retorted Clive, "and I'll give you a 1948 Crown to replace the 1947 one you have on."

As Bill paid up, Stan Watt and Wally Blair laughed loud at his discomfort. But this died away when Clive turned and fined them a membershhip subscription for failing to note the oversight of their president. Mr. Magnet's membership is now 103 per cent. of those available.—"Anonymous."

More than 1,000,000 campaign stars, packed in boxes with an accompanying note of appreciation from the Service Minister concerned, are to be posted soon to ex-members of the Navy, Army and Air Force, and to merchant seamen.

Australian-born atomic energy expert, Professor M. L. Oliphant, says: "If war comes with devilish weapons, such as bacteria and chemicals, the whole world will revert to the agricultural peasant economy of the middle ages."

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At the moment the League has on hand several applications for sponsorship from British ex-servicemen who desire to settle in Western Australia.

From time to time details of these applications will be published in these columns and the attention of farmers and other employers is drawn especially to this matter.

Current applicants are:


NICHOLLS, G. A., age 34 years. Has a working knowledge of all farm work except milking and shearing sheep; willing to learn. Fairly well acquainted with all modern machinery and can do most running repairs. Can drive tractors, binders, etc. Wife and two sons (10 years; 17 months). Service unit: Suffolk Regiment (mentioned in despatches for valour). Disability: gunshot wound in right foot; now almost healed. Address: 15 Gridlake Street, Axminster, Devonshire.

Interested parties can contact these applicants either direct or through the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. at Anzac House.

THESE WORDS WILL LIVE FOREVER

2: CANNING AND THE FALL OF BONAPARTE

I have said that I should be ashamed, and in truth I should be so, to address you in the language of exultation, if it were merely for the indulgence, however legitimate, of an exuberant and ungodly ungodly joy. But they who have suffered great privations have a claim not merely to consolation, but to something more. They are justly to be compensated for what they have undergone, or lost, or hazarded, by the contemplation of what they have gained.

We have gained, then, a rank and authority in Europe, such as, for the life of the longest liver of those who now hear me, must place this country upon an eminence which no probable reverses can shake. We have gained, or rather we have recovered, a splendid of military glory, which places us by the side of the greatest military nations in the world. At the beginning of this war, while there was not a British bosom that did not beat with rapture at the exploit of our navy, there were few who would not have been contented to compromise for that reputation alone; to claim the sea as exclusively our province, and to leave to France and the other continental powers the struggle for superiority by land.

That favoured deity Neptune was considered as the exclusive patron of British prowess in battle; but in seeming accordance with the beautiful fiction of ancient mythology, our Neptune, in the heat of contest, smote the earth with his trident, and up sprang the fiery war-horse, the emblem of military power.

TABLE TENNIS REPORT
BY R. V. CROXTON

The season is over now as far as the R.S.L. table tennis team is concerned, the last match having been played on the 3rd of August. Although we did not finish near the top of the list, we have no reason to feel disappointed with our performances. The team improved considerably towards the end of the season, and if it continues to improve next year, it should have an excellent chance of at least gaining a place in the final four.

In the men’s A-grade competition of the W.A. Table Tennis Association we won five matches out of fourteen; the results being as follows, R.S.L. score being mentioned first in each case:

First Round.—Versus Water Supply, 0/12; versus Shell, 7/5; versus University, 2/10; versus Peters, 0/12; versus Commonwealth Bank, 1/11; versus Postal Institute, 2/10; versus Public Works Dept., 7/5.

Second Round.—Versus Water Supply, 1/11; versus Shell, 10/2; versus University, 2/10; versus Peters, 6/14-6/15; versus Bank, 6/15-6/13; versus Posts, 2/10; versus P.W.D., 8/4.

We finished the season in sixth position and should be certain of re-attaining a place in the A grade.

The following players took part in the games, the number of matches played being shown in parentheses:

R. Croxton (14), C. Fields (13), R. Finley (9), E. Wheatland (8), D. Wells (7), R. Harris (4) and R. Morton (1). Don Wells joined the team in the second round and proved a distinct asset in the No. 1 position, his ability being reflected in the improvement in our performances.

Diggers’ Day at the R.S. Golf Club, Kalgoorlie, was said to be “one of the best ever,” and hon. secretary, Jack Scott, is to be heartily congratulated upon the efficient manner in which the day was organised.

All members of the West Leederville - Wembley - Floreat Park sub-branch who are interested in the formation of a cricket team are requested to roll up and register.
Sub-Branch Activities

It is the aim of "The Listening Post" to make its columns of wide interest to members in all parts of the State, and the Editor welcomes reports from all sub-branches. But in order to make a broadcast, however possible, secretaries and publicity officers must be able to confine their reports to a maximum of 200 words. All names of persons and places should be typed or written in CAPITAL LETTERS, and copy should be in the Editor's hands by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

ALBANY

The past month was a busy one in the activities of the sub-branch. The annual union dinner was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday, August 21, at 7.30 pm. The annual general meeting held on the same day was attended by a large number of members, and the sub-branch of the Australian Legion in planning a Memorial Hall, the women's auxiliary is doing its part handomely. It handed $50 to the R.S.L., the first tangible tribute from this district to those who have given their lives so that we may continue to live the American way of life. Hats off to them—and it is up to the men to follow up the good work that has been said about public apathy—all of it true—but remember that time-worn song, "Old Soldiers never die, they fade away on this most important subject.

DARLING RANGE

The usual monthly meeting took place at Katanning on July 26, when the chief business was the annual election of the committee. The result of the election was as follows: President Mrs. Hayward, vice-presidents E. King and W. Scott, secretary R. Thomson, treasurer W. Marshall. The various committees were unaltered, the finances remaining unchanged. The retiring president, Mr. K. Steer, received a hearty vote of thanks for his unselfish work for the sub-branch during the past year. Mr. Steer, in responding, expressed his unchanging enthusiasm for and interest in the League's objects, and expressed his hope that some of the members present who have not been active will take a more active interest in it.

GASCOYNE

Some months ago it was agreed that a living war memorial and a definite asset to the League in general would be the purchase of the Swanage Pictures Theatre in Carnarvon. We have much pleasure in advising that this is in the final stages of completion. Through the services of Messrs. Smith & Gayer, of Perth, work went on without end to finalise these matters. The Railway Superintendent has agreed to contribute to this project the money, namely £4,200, the remaining £600 to be contributed on an interest-free debenture. Every effort has been made to have all promised. All and sundry are very enthusiastic about the result, and it is hoped that members will contribute rather handsomely to the various charities.

KALGOORLIE

For the information of those members who were not present at the June meeting, the following are the executive committee for the present year: President W. M. Hylton; vice-president E. W. Morris and C. Yates; treasurer Mr. F. D. Toolbox; financial secretary W. S. Meyers; F. Haylow, S. Hicks, F. Woodrow, W. Lawson, R. Britton, C. Thomas, W. H. B. Traill, and T. H. Tutt. Since the June meeting, a visit to the south country has been made by Mr. W. Moncrieff and Mr. W. Lonnie. It is felt that this visit will result in a revival of interest in League matters, as well as in the promotion of increased harvest among the members of this State. Another result of this visit is the anticipated establishment of a general and all branches, with the sole purpose of furthering the interests of the returned soldiers engaged in the mining industry. This chapter is also invited to the main to the conscientious work of the branch, as well as personally attending to the interests of members and discarded clothing can be readily utilised by the sub-branch; the former for hospital patients and the latter for the many and women auxiliary. Branch is to continue its work, and to make frequent requests of the post office for stamps. Reports were received and read, such as those regarding the success of making a contribution to this appeal.

KATANING

The sub-branch, received advice from the head office of the Australian Legion, that the suggestion that homes under the war service scheme should be built on a group of farm lots was not feasible. Fashing would receive and contact the sub-branch regarding the matter. It was also mentioned that the sub-branch was visited Katanning, but missed out in contacting the R.S.L., and the Executive has agreed to make an application to the State for the relief of members of the sub-branch who have been promised. All and sundry for his subscription, but also "don't let us fade out", and to let us fight on.

MANNING

A referendum of all members of this sub-branch is to be taken and a special general meeting called in connection with a proposal to form a club, using the R.S.L. Hall. The proposal was made by Mr. A. McDonald, who presented the members with the information acquired during a recent visit to Perth. The position could be summarised as follows: if we have a small but a very good club, a license based on the present sub-branch premises could almost certainly be obtained. It would be preferable, however, to contemporarily find other premises for meetings of the sub-branch, as those who did not join the present would be out of the club, and would have to use the hall. Securing of a license for the present building would also oblige the women's auxiliary from using any portion of the building at any time, as the hall could be used. The R.S.L. and band would also be deprived of places of practice. Formation of a club confined wholly to R.S.L. members is to some ways desirable, but it may be a matter of doubt whether or not membership would be great enough to sustain the club. Former sub-branch members would have difficulty in raising the balance of the hall, and the proposal to form a club was received with a large crowd, headed by the chairman of the road board and members, and members of the sub-branch, who arranged the complete itinerary of the tour, as well as personally attending to the matter. The sub-branch is to continue its work, and to make frequent requests of the post office for stamps. Reports were received and read, such as those regarding the success of making a contribution to this appeal.

MUKINBUD

The sub-branch has had a most successful year and it has been working towards the purchase of a hall. A representative meeting of citizens is to be called to fully discuss this matter. Unfortunately, there has been a meeting of citizens to be held, and the meeting was held on July 27, owing to that night being general meeting night.

NORTHAM

The annual meeting was held at the club rooms recently, the president (Mr. J. R. Adcock) presiding. The secretary (Mr. J. H. Foxman) read the financial statement for the year ending June 30. The general account showed receipts from members' subscriptions £26 10s. 6d., and £27 10s. 6d. for other receipts paid to the State Executive totalled £54 17s. 6d. The building fund at the close of the month was £34 16s. 6d., and after the purchase of a block of land for £3,000, the closing balance was £355 10s. 6d. A donation of £100 was made, Mr. Ashcroft (vice-president) presented to Mr. Adcock a Certificate of Merit, awarded by the State Executive. We have good reason to hope for the support of the sub-branch from 19th May 1949. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. J. R. Adcock; vice-presidents, H. L. Thackrah, vice-president; Messrs. A. Bancroft and A. H. Stimpfl, secretary; Mr. H. F. James, treasurer; Messrs. R. B. Parkinson and Mr. A. B. Keay, financial secretary. Messrs. A. Palmer, C. Campbell, Mr. A. H. Stimpfl, J. C. Cole, S. J. Treloar, P. Lennox, F. Bryant, M. Power, A. Forrest, and C. H. Reid. The sub-branch has already received considerable support of the R.S.L. delegation, and the committee would be pleased to do what is necessary to further the interests of the sub-branch.

OSBORNE PARK

The annual meeting was held on July 21 and at its conclusion a grand spread was provided by Mrs. Findlay. The State Executive was represented by the State Secretary, and the women's auxiliary by Mrs. Findlay. Mr. A. R. Pamphill was re-elected as president for the third year; Doug Shearer was re-elected as senior vice-president; Fred
Shenton Park

Although our dinner held on July 14 was most enjoyable, it was, unfortunately, not a financial success. But the ladies of the auxiliary had every very good account of themselves. Strangers to the district are welcomed to our sports evenings. This is a good opportunity for you to get to know your neighbours, and you may rest assured you will be given a hearty welcome.

South Perth

By the time these notes appear the annual functions of officers will have taken place and several of the "Old Guard" will have received the "Old Guard" and everything will be in train for the annual smoke, which has been fixed for Saturday night, September 29, at Swan Street Hall, when a really good roll of old and new members is expected. The annual meeting was held at the annual "fun dinner," with helpful criticism, suggestions and discussions, in which it was planned, and more and more will attend meetings and conventions. Our ultra-conscientious secretary (Cec. Crew) had to take time off for serious medical attention and you are all pleased to know that, at the time writing, he is progressing favourably, and we wish him a speedy recovery. He timed the "op" nicely before the big "Med. Pow-wow," too. So we've decided to turn him out to grass for a year or two, and Stan Wilkes takes a lot of training for the State Secretaries.

Eubalco

During the month, a visit was paid to Hollywood Hospital. It appears that members assembled in force to bear down on the devoted recipients of their kind intentions, when it was discovered that the important matter of tallow had been overlooked. With true Digger initiative, however, an executive of a leading confectionery firm was dragged from his downy couch and kindly lent his expertise for the necessary fete, and all was saved. Subiac has its first win in the A.R.M.S. competition, when Mr. Lawley, one of the more popular dinner guests, paid a visit to the house on Wednesday, August 11, and our stalwarts showed great determination in cleaning up the tally, not only in the kitchen but in the sub-branch in conjunction with the State Executive, has successfully competed at Anzac House, Thursday evening, for the W.A. Dancing Association Challenge Cup, and members who trip a measure of modern dancing are invited to make another one of their dancing evenings and support their sub-branch.

Victoria Park

July was noted for several functions, the outstanding event being the annual dinner on Friday, July 30, arranged by Harry Taylor. A larger crowd would have attended only for the bad weather. It was arranged for Certificates of Service to be presented. For this purpose, the recipients were photographed on stage (accompanied by the State Secretary) deputised for the State President, George Yates received his scroll with which he was to place the majority of his efforts in the Stan Gurney Memorial Trophy, now has his own miniature dressing-case, which has long been his eyes on the Stan Gurney Memorial Trophy, now has his own miniature dressing-case.

West Swan

The annual general meeting was held on July 13, with a good attendance of members. The balance sheets disclosed a sound financial position, the sub-branch is one of which its members can be justly proud. One of the most pleasant events of the evening was the presentation of the Royal Red Cross, which was awarded to Mrs. Starkey's orchestra, Gedd Mathews officiated as M.C. Our little band was presented with the Royal Red Cross, which was awarded to Mrs. Starkey's orchestra, Gedd Mathews officiated as M.C. Our little band was presented with the Royal Red Cross, which was awarded to Mrs. Starkey's orchestra.

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CONVOY CAPERS

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counted, including those collected by our sister ship. ‘The men missing, believed to have gone down with their ships, were recorded and everything tallied except for one: Mahommeh Lahl. Nobody knew him; he had not been on one of the torpedoed vessels. Who was he? From where had he come? A lifeboat from the Yank tanker picked him out of the “drink” along with her own fellows. Eventually our engineer, who spoke Hindustani, found time to question him, and it turned out that he was a donkey-man on the Commodore and had jumped straight overboard on hearing the first explosion. Fools rush in where angels wouldn’t go with triple turrets. We delivered him to his ship three days later.

Strange things happen at sea, and beside locating a drifting buoy miles away, and chasing whales—reported by the R.A.F. one unhappy Christmas day as six submarines—there was the occasion when the escorting vessel pulled away from the convoy to investigate a suspicious-looking, dirty Arab dhow. Imagine the surprise of the Old Man to find in command of it a Commander in the Royal Naval Intelligence Branch, very late at having been stopped.

Yes, like our school days, which are not the best of our lives but the best to look back to, the very grim days give humorous memories in later years. Man owes much of his sanity to his natural ability to remember the good things long after the bad have been forgotten.

Sub-Branch Activities

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possible exception is that of Tom Woolcott, who still handles the cash and still has 23 years to go to equal the previous treasurer’s record of 24 years in a row. Another item of interest was the report of the Food for Britain Committee, which presented an amount of £41 old being raised. This result, following immediately on £27/10/0 for the Royal British Legion, is a tribute in view of our small membership and scattered “operational area.” The evening was finished with the game of “two and a half” and the christening of a new dark border. Cheers to all other sub-branches from West Swall.

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